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SUBJECT: REQUEST FOR INTERVIEW WITH THE SECRETARY

1. JULIO DE MESQUITA NETO, PUBLISHER OF SAO PAULO'S PRESTIGIOUS DAILY O ESTADO, HAS ASKED THE AMBASSADOR TO SEEK AN APPOINTMENT WITH SECRETARY KISSINGER FOR NICHOLAS BOER, THE NEWSPAPER'S PRINCIPAL EDITORIAL WRITER ON INTERNATIONAL AFFAIRS. BOER WANTS TO DISCUSS HISTORICAL PERSPECTIVES WITH THE SECRETARY IN CONNECTION WITH A BOOK BOER IS WRITING ENTITLED "FROM METTERNICH TO KISSINGER."

2. BOER IS A FORMER JESUIT PRIEST WHO FLED HUNGARY AFTER THE COMMUNIST TAKEOVER. IN HIS EDITORIAL CONCENTRATION ON EAST-WEST RELATIONS, HE IS ENTIRELY NEGATIVE WITH RESPECT TO U.S. POLICY AND THE SECRETARY'S CONCEPTS. GIVEN HIS UNRELENTING ATTACKS ON DETENTE AND HIS GENERALLY NEGATIVE OVERALL APPROACH TO U.S. POSITIONS, THE EMBASSY DOES GIVE THE O ESTADO REQUEST HIGH PRIORITY. HOWEVER, AN INTERVIEW WOULD GIVE THE SECRETARY AN OPPORTUNITY TO INFLUENCE BOER'S OUTLOOK.

3. WHILE INFORMATION WHICH BOER WOULD OBTAIN IN THIS INTERVIEW WOULD BE INTENDED FOR THE BOOK, WE EXPECT THAT AT LEAST EXCERPTS WOULD BE PUBLISHED IN THE NEWSPAPER.

4. BOER HAS BEEN TRAVELING IN WEST GERMANY, FRANCE AND GREAT BRITAIN SINCE JUNE 25 AND, ACCORDING TO O ESTADO, COULD BE IN WASHINGTON JULY 20. WE ARE CERTAIN,

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HOWEVER, THAT HE WOULD ADJUST HIS SCHEDULE TO CONFORM

WITH THE SECRETARY'S.

5. O ESTADO IS PRESSING FOR AN EARLY REPLY. ADVISE AS
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